THREE LETTERS

Of dangerous Consequence:

READ

AT A CONFERENCE OF *Both Houses of Parliament.*

The two first from *Rotterdam*, and dated *July* 1. & 4. *stilo novo.* 1642. The other, from M. *Wilmot* to M. *Crofts* at the *Hague*, Dated *June* 22. 1642.

In which appeares a desperate designe of the L. *Digby*, Cap. *Hide*, Sir *Lewis Dives*, M. *Jermin*, M. *Percy*, and divers Cavileeres, against the Parliament of *England*. With the names of Ships, number of Men and Amunition now in readinesse to be transported into the North.

With many other observable matters.

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Worſhipfull Sir,

SInce my laſt by the Poſt, many things of conſequence have come to my hand, The Ship Providence of the *Kings*, with the Lyon, which brought over the Ladies of Honour to the Queen, bring over for the North parts of *England* all thoſe Gentlemen mentioned within the incloſed, with three or foure ſcore more, it is thought here they goe for *Newcaſtle*; ſome of Prince *Roberts* men told me they were bound for *Yorke*: they are all deſperate in their way, that whoever they meet with, if they oppoſe them, to fight it out to the laſt man. The Lyon hath 42. Guns, the Providence hath 14. and is to take in two more, which we know of, now being within one mile of *Rotterdam*, they are 12. foot long, and ſhoot a Bullet of 44. pound weight. Every one here is feareful of a deſperate deſigne upon the premiſes: you may pleaſe not to harbour any thought of faithfulneſſe in the Officers of the Lyon, for we have certain intelligence of the truth hereof. I my ſelfe went to the Helleford-ſluce, and ſee Cavileeres

leeres there; and going thither, ſome whereof told me that they went in the Ship, and named all the incloſed. We cannot yet heare of any further pawning of the Jewels, yet all men think they have gotten much money upon them, for they have provided all ſorts of Armes of proof: and otherſome that had Piſtols to make at the *Hague*, could not get them done till all their worke was done, which now is finiſhed, and they lie all for a Wind: much of their Baggage being laden at *Brill* aboard the Providence, and at Helleford-ſluce, aboard the Lyon. The Scout of *Crauling* a ſmall Towne neere *Rotterdam*, told one of this Town, that Prince *Robert* hath hired a Boyer to carry Horſe for *England*, the Scout is the onely Maſter of Horſes in theſe parts. One *Iſaac Light*, a Merchant of the Company, hath bought 15000. waight of Powder, and is now gon to *Utrecht* to buy Match, all which preſently to be Ship'd for *England*; they give out it is for the Parliament, and by their order. This Merchant, late Factor for M. *Chriſtopher Tomlings* Merchant of *London*, and *Thomas Aſhton* ſervant to M. *Laurence Halſted* of *London*, hath ſhip'd here 38. Caſes of Armes, being but the remaine of 700. Caſes for which they obtained Licence to ſhip here: and at *Anſterdam*, we are informed

that the greateſt part of thoſe are ſhip'd in 3 Flemiſh Boyers or Hoyes, now lying for a Wind at the *Taſſell*; this information we had of one of the Cuſtome-houſe in *Rotterdam*, upon occaſion of a Merchants ſight of the warrant. Yeſterday a Jewell was ſent to *Rotterdam*, from the *Hague*, valued at 40000. Guilders by a Jeweller here. M. *Percy*, M. *Jermin*, M. W. *Mountague*, and M. *Davenant*, came into the *Hague* this day ſevennight, at 12. a clocke at night in the Queenes Coach, and with her Foot-men. Theſe are all that for preſent I ſhall write, but ſhall informe you more by word of mouth, if I can get paſſage one way or other. Of the moſt materiall of theſe particulars, by the advice of friends, I have informed the Earle of *Warwick* by this bearer, the 38. Caſes are ſhip'd aboard one *Rich. Lyndall*, a *Hull* man, laden for *London*. Thus with my humble ſervice remembred, I take my leave and reſt,

Yours to command.

Of all theſe we have ſufficient proofe.

Roterdam 1°. *Julii* 1642. *Stilo novo.*

In one *White* of *Dover* a Ketch, there are many Fats of Match, with other proviſion of Warre. I hope to be with you before this Letter.

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The Contents of the incloſed note.

Prince Robert, *Prince* Maurice, *Lord* Denby, L. Digby, Oenele *that Traytor, Captaine* Hide, *Sir* Lewis Dives, *Collonel* Wilſon *ſent for out of Germany, with very many other Gentlemen and Commanders; and is credibly known that they have all ſorts of Armes for Horſe, & that in great quantity, there being a Hoy or Boyer, a Dutchman hired and paid his freight before hand, to carry the Armes and proviſion that Prince* Robert *and the reſt from the* Hague, *have made for their tranſportation into the North, and is undertaken that theſe Boyer ſhall be conveyed as well heme as out.*

Worſhipfull Sir,

I Wrote to you on Tuſeday laſt by a Merchant, that had a paſſe to come overland, but leaſt that ſhould not come to hand though little hath hapened here ſince, I cannot omit this poſt; The ſhip called the Lion *that brought over Ladies of honour, is now fitted to tranſport into* England P. Robert P. Mawrice, *Lord* Digby, *Lord* Denby, *Collonel* Cockram, *Captaine* Hide, Oneale, *Sir* Lewis Dives *with* 80 *or* 90 *Cavaleers more, they have fitted themſelves with Armor of proofe, and all other accoutrements of war, they have beene very merry, and have drunke many healthes to their good voyage, and in their Cups have made Dividents of the Parliament-mens lands, they are very jocond, and were all aboard yeſterday morning, the wind being then fair, but held but a little*

ſpace, and now blowes very hard, ſo that God hath now ſtayed them; The Providence that lies at Brill *is to take in diverſe of them, ſhe hath taken in much of their luggage with two great Gunnes, each 12 foote long, and ſhoote a bullit of 44 pound. Alſo the* Lion *at* Helleford *ſluce, hath taken in much luggage: There are three Boyers or Hoyes lying at* Taſſell, *laden with Armes, and 38 caſes of Armor ſhipped in* Richard Lindall *of* Hull *bound for* London; *I heare they be all Muskets, and there are in that Ship 700 Corſlets, beſide this I was tould by one whoſe ſonne ſits in the Cuſtomhouſe, all theſe ſhipped here by a warrant which they had obtained for 700 caſes; which as a merchant in this Town ſaw, & tould, he, beſides one of the Cuſtomehouſe, did confeſſe it true: They give out diverſe reports, of ſtaying of armes, and of their declining their voyage, but we knowing they indeavour to worke with all deceiveableneſſe, thinke them onely tricks to confound our intelligence, for we ſee ſuch as are laden heere are not ſtayed. Indeed, for certaine the States Generall have given out a warrant of ſtay for Armes, ſo they did when all the Armes provided againſt the* Scots *were tranſported, the Officers are corrupted: there is a Boyer lying within a mile of this towne to be fraughted with Horſe, for* P. Robert, *A Marchant of this Towne ſaw the Shippers Charter party which is [illegible] them to what part ſhall*

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be appointed by him betweene Dower *and* New-castle, *the Prince undertakes his safe convoy out, and home; one* Isaac Light *a Marchant of the company here, hath bought* 600 l. *worth of powder with much match, where it is shipped we cannot yet heare, they worke with much privacy; munday last there came a Iewell from the* Hage *valued at* 40000 *Guilders, by the Iewellers; they were offered* 10000 *Guilders upon it, but would not, and so it was returned againe: We cannot heare of any further pawning of the Iewels, nor where they bee,* Mr. Webster *went with Sir* William Boswell *to the Queen Munday last. Tuesday last was seavenight at* 12 *a clock in the night* Master Percy, M. Jermin, M. Wil. Mountague, *and* Danenant, *came into the* Hage *with the Queenes Coach, and footemen, This I was tould by one* Mr. ——— *The Cavalleers doe boast, that having a Ship of* 42 peeces of Ordinance, and another of 16. *peeces, that will fight till they sink, if any oppose them: This is the resolution of Captaine* Strachin, *Captaine of the* Providence, *Yesterday at* Helleford *sluce arrived* Gustavus Horne, *with the happy entrance of the King, I hope the Captaine of her, will not doe as the captaine of the* Lion. *This being all of any moment that we hear heer, I humbly take my leave and rest.*

Rotterdam the 4. of June, 1642.

For Mr. CROFTS at the Hague.

Deare WILL,

BY these last Letters to the Queene, you will finde a great alteration of businesse here; the King, that very lately appeared almost abandoned by all His Subjects, is now become the Favorite of the Kingdome; yet I believe His Enemies are not so neglected as not to be able to raise an Army to oppose Him: and indeed here lies the jest, for they will be followed just enough to forfeit their estates, which I have heard you often say, were better bestowed on some of us. Yesterday there came a Messenger from the House, who had Order, (and did raise the power of the County) to entreat Bartley, Ashburnham, and my selfe, to come to speak to the House; but the King gave the Messenger a short Answer, and an Officer or two gave him a short Cudgell, so he is returned to London (a fine Gentleman) with his Arme in a Scarfe. Deare Will, preserve me in your good opinion, for I assure you I am,

June 22. *York*. 1642.

Your most affectionate humble servant,

H. WILMOT.

Pray if Master *Ierwin* be with you, present my most humble service to him.

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